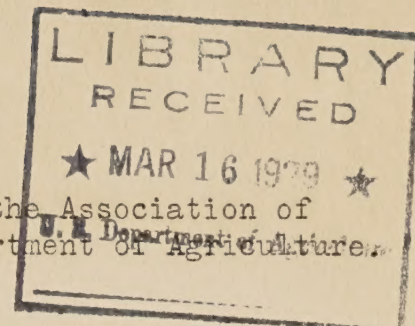


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CONSTITUTION



Article I.

NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Association of Professional Employees of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Article II.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this association is to provide a forum for the discussion of all problems affecting the welfare of the professional employees of the Department; to cooperate with administrative officials, Personnel Classification Board, and other agencies interested in the personnel and the work of the Department; and to confer with committees of Congress on matters affecting the personnel of the Department.

Article III.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership shall consist ex officio of all personnel allocated to the professional and subprofessional groups in the Department of Agriculture and professionally qualified people now allocated in other groups.

Article IV.

COUNCIL

The general management of the Association shall be vested in a Council to consist of two members from each bureau and independent office of the Department, the representatives to be selected on or before the 31st of December each year, as the members of the Association in each bureau or office shall determine.

Article V.

OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Council shall elect the officers of the Association, consisting of a President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and six other persons, who shall constitute the Executive Committee to hold office until successors are elected.

Article VI.

VACANCIES

Any vacancies occurring among the officers of the Association shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next meeting of the Council.

Article VII.

MEETINGS

(a) General meetings of the Association shall be held at such time and place as may be determined by the Executive Committee.

(b) The Council shall meet during the first week in January upon the call of the President; shall elect a nominating committee of three members who shall at the same meeting propose members for the offices provided for in Section V and the Council shall elect officers from these nominees.

(c) Special meetings of the Council shall be called by the President at his discretion or upon the written request of ten members of the Council.

(d) The Executive Committee shall meet upon a call issued by the President or by a majority of the Committee.

Article VIII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall represent the Association and determine its activities except as instructed or limited by the Council.

The Executive Committee shall organize itself into such subcommittees as Legislative, Efficiency, Classification, Publicity, Employment, Retirement, membership etc., as may from time to time be deemed advisable.

Article IX.

QUORUM

A majority of the Council or of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.



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